Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) On 25th Karkadagam 1119.

(*b*) For 56 days.

(*c*) On 18th Kanni 1120.

(*d*) The van has not been received back after repairs.

(*e*) No. Please see answer to sub-division (*d*).

(*f*) The General Hospital van has been out of order from 18th Kanni 1120. The Civil Hospital van has never been in use since it was taken charge of on 19th Medam 1119.

(*g*) There are drivers but no cleaners.

(*h*) The driver attached to the General Hospital van was working in the Civil Surgeon's Office when the van was sent for repairs. He was also assisting the General Hospital mechanic. He worked till 21st Chingam 1121 and thereafter he was detailed for work in the Public Works Department till the van is ready for use.

There was a driver attached to the Civil Hospital van from 15th Karkadagam 1119 to 13th Meenam 1120. He was kept on, hoping that the van would be received back in order soon. He was made to do the work of the mechanic till a mechanic was appointed on 27th Dhanu 1120. When the mechanic joined duty, he continued to assist the mechanic. The repair of the Civil Hospital van is now over and will be put into use within a few days.

(*i*) Drivers have been paid while in service here. Cleaners have not been appointed to either of these vans.

SCALE OF PAY—SUB-ASSISTANT SURGEONS

295. Dr. S. S. Rao *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether any increase has been effected or proposed to be effected in the scale of pay to the Sub-Assistant Surgeons;

(*b*) what is the present pay and proposed increase, if any?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) No increase is either effected or proposed to be effected.

(*b*) Present pay Rs. 60-4-120 with 3 Selection Grade Posts on Rs. 125-5-150. (2 for men and 1 for women).

TYPHOID CASES—TREATED IN HOSPITALS

296. Mr. Paramel Ipe Ipe *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total number of typhoid cases treated in all the hospitals and dispensaries of Cochin State in each of the following years—1118, 1119 and 1120;

(*b*) the number of deaths in each of the above years;

(*c*) the number of typhoid cases treated in the above institutions and the number of deaths during the first two months of this year;

(*d*) whether typhoid cases are on the increase year by year?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) 1118 .. 2,107
1119 .. 1,703
1120 .. 1,463

(*b*) 1118 .. 279
1119 .. 260
1120 .. 181

(*c*) No. treated 378 — Death 39

(*d*) No.

FACTORIES IN THE STATE

297. Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) how many factories are there in the State (Please give their names);

(*b*) the number of workers in each of these Factories (Please give the number of women and children separately)?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* A list showing the factories registered under the Factories Act and the average number of workers employed in each in 1120 is placed on the Council table.

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